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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE: VISIT OF BRITISH MINISTER

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1. EMBOFFS DISCUSSED VISIT BY MINISTER OF OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT, JUDITH HART, TO DAR ES SALAAM WITH HEAD OF CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA DEPARTMENT AT FCO, MARTIN REID, ON MAY 13. ACCORDING TO REID VISIT WAS ARRANGED BY PRESIDENT NYERERE WHO HAD MET HART AT LONDON AIRPORT ON MAY 8. (HART HAD APPARENTLY DISCUSSED DIFFICULTIES OF ARRANGING MEETING WITH FRELIMO LEADERS WITH NYERERE, REF-TEL.) SHE RECEIVED WORD ON MORNING MAY 9 THAT MACHEL AND DOS SANTOS WOULD SEE HER AND LEFT FOR DAR SAME EVENING.

2. IN ADDITION TO INFO IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED IN DAR, REID SAID HART'S TALKS WITH FRELIMO LEADERS COVERED
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UK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH MOZAMBIQUE AFTER INDEPEND-

ENCE, UK INDEPENDENCE GIFT AND UK PARTICIPATION IN INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS. FRELIMO LEADERS SAID THEY WOULD BE HAPPY TO ENTER INTO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH UK AND MADE NO MENTION OF ENTERING INTO ANY PRIOR AGREEMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE, ALTHOUGH FCO UNDERSTANDS "SOME" COUNTRIES HAVE CONCLUDED SUCH AGREEMENT. MACHEL SAID NEXT STEP WOULD BE FOR HMG TO SEND HIM REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT FOR AMBASSADOR AND IMPLIED THIS SHOULD BE DONE RIGHT AWAY. REID SAID HMG FLEXIBLE AND IF IT HAD BEEN NECESSARY WOULD NOT HAVE STOOD ON CEREMONY, BUT WOULD HAVE ENTERED INTO AGREEMENT. AS THINGS STAND, BRITISH WILL FOLLOW MACHEL'S IMPLICIT SUGGESTION AND ADDRESS REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT TO HIM "STRAIGHT AWAY."

3. HART ALSO SOUNDED OUT MACHEL ON PROPOSED INDEPENDENCE GIFT OF FOUR LARGE LAND ROVERS EQUIPPED AS MOBILE HEALTH CLINICS. REID SAID THIS "WENT DOWN WELL" AND BRITISH PLAN TO GO AHEAD WITH IT. MACHEL ALSO TOLD HART THAT HE WOULD SEND INVITATION FOR BRITISH MINISTER TO ATTEND INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS.

4. REID SAID HART VISIT MADE NO PROGRESS ON OBTAINING RESPONSE TO BRITISH OFFER TO SEND AID SURVEY MISSION TO MOZAMBIQUE.

5. WHEN ASKED ABOUT BRITISH PRIME MINISTER WILSON'S PROMISE TO CONTRIBUTE "HANDSOMELY" TO FUND TO COMPENSATE MOZAMBIQUE FOR APPLYING SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA, REID SAID MATTER HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BETWEEN HART AND MACHEL. BRITISH HAD MENTIONED AMOUNT THEY THINKING OF CONTRIBUTING, BUT REID WOULD NOT REVEAL HOW MUCH IT IS.
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